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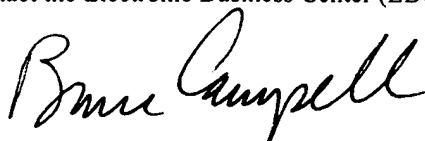
The reply filed on February 2, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): While Applicant has elected a peptide and a biologically active agent, Applicant has not fully identified a single pharmaceutical composition where all components are specifically identified, especially since Applicant has elected "linking claims 1-47 and 82-92 insofar as these claims recite the invention to be examined." Applicant has not identified those components in the composition which are recited, e.g., in claims 17 and 32. Furthermore, Applicant is requested to indicate which claims specifically read upon the elected composition, as the elected invention VRIP does not encompass claims drawn only to variants/derivatives, nor does it encompass occludin, etc.. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew D. Kosar whose telephone number is (571)272-0913. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8am-430pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campbell can be reached on (571)272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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